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8. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Met with David Minton, Staff Director and Counsel, Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and Rod Crowlie and Dick Fuller of his staff, on S.1682. I explained that CIA was specifically exempted from the Federal Executive Service (section 1 of the bill), but not from sections 2 and 3 (transitional authorities) which raises problems of statutory conflict, and that we had been advised by staff members of the Civil Service Commission that there was no intent to impair our authorities. In response to my questions, Minton said (1) a clean bill will probably be reported in May (to be drafted by Dick Fuller); (2) the Committee would no doubt support the Agency's position; (3) if our problems are not otherwise solved a letter from Mr. Helms to Chairman McGee would suffice; and (4) the clean bill might contain a proviso authorizing the President to exempt positions or agencies from the bill by Executive order. Mr. Fuller asked several questions on how the pending bill precisely affected our authorities, which I answered, and I gave him a paper reviewing the perfecting amendments we need. Mr. Minton asked if we paid any positions in excess of the GS-18 level and I told him that I was not informed on this matter except, of course, for the positions of Director and Deputy Director in the Executive Schedule.

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